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Amendment B

Remarks

Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Wagenen *et al.* (US 4,784,486).

Claims 2 and 7 remain in the application unamended. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 8 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 9 and 10 have been canceled.

Claim 1, 5, 6, and 8 have been amended to include the limitation that the anesthetic agent degradation product is trifluoromethane.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest such limitations.

In light of the amendments to claims 1, 5, 6, and 8, claims 3, 4, 9, and 10 have been canceled.

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Conclusion

Applicant submit that claims 1, 2, and 5-8 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this Amendment B, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. The authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for such fees, or any other fees due in connection with this application is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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